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SUBJECT: MTN NEGOTIATIONS: CLARIFICATION OF NON-TARIFF
MEASURES (NTM) REPORTED BY INDUSTRY ADVISORS

1. OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JOINTLY WITH STR HAS OPERATED A CONSULTATION PROGRAM WITH
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INDUSTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ADVICE WITH RESPECT

TO U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. SIMILAR CONSULTATION PROGRAMS IN THE CONCERNED AGENCIES ARE SEEKING ADVICE FROM LABOR AND AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS. THE USDOC PROGRAM CONSISTS OF OVER 500 INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES ORGANIZED INTO ONE HIGH LEVEL POLICY COMMITTEE AND 27 SPECIFIC INDUSTRY SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES (ISAC). EACH ISAC PROVIDES DETAILED ADVICE AND INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. AND FOREIGN TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES AFFECTING THE PRODUCTS WHICH IT COVERS.

2. TARIFF AND NTM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE ISACS IS BEING COMPILED INTO MASTER COUNTRY DATA LISTS WHICH WHEN COMPLETED WILL BE AN IMPORTANT DATA SOURCE FOR SUPPORTING WORK OF MTN DELEGATION GENEVA.

3. IN CONSIDERING NTM SUBMISSIONS MADE BY THE ISACS WE FIND SOME REQUIRE DETAILED CLARIFICATION WHICH WE BELIEVE ONLY THE EMBASSY CAN SUPPLY. ACCORDINGLY WE REQUEST EMBASSY REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF FOLLOWING ALLEGED NTM. AN EXCESSIVE SALES TAX PREVENTS SALES OF ROOM AIR-CONDITIONERS; THE TAX IS BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT 40 PERCENT AND TO APPLY ONLY TO IMPORTS.

4. FOR THE MEASURE LISTED IN PARA. 3 WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (A) DOES TAX EXIST? (B) IF SO, BEGIN UNDERLINE BRIEF END UNDERLINE, BEGIN UNDERLINE CONCISE END UNDERLINE DESCRIPTION OF THE NTM, REASON THEREFOR AND RATE; (C) SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AFFECTED (BY 4 DIGIT BTN NUMBER OR MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN IF KNOWN; (D) ESTIMATED NTM IMPACT ON PARTICULAR PRODUCT AND U.S. TRADE IN GENERAL; (E) STATUTORY BASIS OF MEASURE AND ASSESSMENT OF ITS NEGOTIABILITY.

5. THIS INFORMATION IS A CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN THE INDUSTRY SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES' INPUT ON TARIFFS AND NTMS IN SUPPORT OF USG NEGOTIATING EFFORTS IN MTN. THE ISACS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 135 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 AS INSTRUMENT TO PROVIDE U.S. INDUSTRY THE MEANS TO HAVE THEIR INTERESTS KNOWN AND REPRESENTED IN GENEVA. THE DATA IN THEIR REPORTS, SUP-

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PLEMENTED BY COMMERCE INPUT, ARE BEING AGGREGATED INTO MASTER LISTS, BY COUNTRY, TO PROVIDE GENEVA NEGOTIATORS WITH IMMEDIATE REFERENCE TO IMPORTANT U.S. TRADE INTERESTS AND THE BARRIERS IMPEDING THEM. THE PRESENT NEED FOR THIS IS IN CURRENT TROPICAL PRODUCTS EXERCISE.

6. NEXT ROUND OF ISAC MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR NEAR FUTURE AND DUE TO NEED TO UNDERTAKE EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION OF

CLARIFIED NTM ITEMS WOULD APPRECIATE POST RESPONSE PRIOR
TO JULY 30 BUT IF POST UNABLE TO PROVIDE BY THAT DATE,
INFORMATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED ASAP THEREAFTER. KISSINGER

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